

## HER EYES ON AMERICA.



Miss Lowther, whom few men care to meet at foil's point.

## TRICKS OF THE FOILS.

MISS LOWTHER, AN ADEPT AT FENCING, TO VISIT AMERICA.

SHE CHALLENGES ANY SWORDSMAN.

Has Shown Her Skill Before the Prince of Wales, and Has Won the Title of Champion Woman Fencer of England.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, July 23.—Does the modern girl clasp her hands and look on in terrified silence when swords clash together, sparks fly, and two adepts at the art of fencing are thrusting, parrying, lunging, straining every nerve and using every trick of the weapon to gain a point? Not a bit of it. She may very likely be the one that holds the foils, and lunges and parries as aforesaid. The modern girl is afraid of nothing on the earth beneath, and, I was going to say, in the heavens above, but that would be doing her an injustice, for with all her athletic acquirements she retains her sweetness and has the same womanly reverence as of old for these things it is fitting to reverence.

So great is the desire of the society girl to-day to excel in the art of fencing, she becomes, like her college brother, skilled in the use of the foils, that nothing will suffice her, but the advent to this country of the champion lady fencer of England, possibly of the world, and she is coming into exercise the feminine privilege of changing her mind. She is known wherever devotees of fencing are as Miss Lowther. The accompanying photograph shows her in her fighting costume.

She wears the correct costume—knickerbockers, a coat lined probably with chamois leather, while in her hand is her right hand her foil appears. Her shoes are probably soled with India-rubber or list, so as to give her a good foothold. Miss Lowther may be termed the champion swordswoman of England. I am not sure whether this title would frank

her throughout the world; many Frenchwomen are very expert at the crime. She has fenced before the Prince of Wales in public, and would not mind meeting any swordsman, one may with truth aver, though the practice of assaults between men and women is not likely to become general. Men never put their whole hearts into games or exercises where women are their antagonists, because their masculine instinct of chivalry prevents their doing so. Whether this lady can fence with her left hand as well as her right hand or not, this deponent is unable to say, but it is a great score on the part of a fencer to be able to use both hands indiscriminately.

Fencing has during the last few years become quite a fashionable pursuit, though there are one or two points connected with it that will always mitigate against its popularity. One is that lessons are decidedly an expensive luxury. In Paris it is different; in the Salles d'Arme there one can go in for an assault and pay one's franc or two when one likes, instead of taking a course of lessons. Another reason against a very wide popularity for the most delicate of the arts of arms is that fencing requires a great deal of practice, a considerable amount of aptitude, and plenty of agility, before it can be even in a small degree brought to practical application. The majority of women who learn in New York do so either because it is smart to fence or merely to keep themselves in good health.

There is no doubt about it that this exercise maintains the body in suppleness and grace far more than any other kind of pursuit, and wards off that bugbear middle age. Another very salient point with regard to it is that it is exercise for the brain. Whilst engaging in assaults, one's mind must be on the alert; it has to tell one's hand what to do, and, as the very element of "assault" is rapidity and quickness, it will be seen that understanding is specially exercised. Diplomacy is also needed, for the very essence of fencing is to gain an advantage over one's enemy by strategy and dexterity of movement with the foil.

To see two of our modern girls of the tall, athletic, willowy variety that is so much admired, clad in the fencing costume in favor with women who go in for this pastime, turning, swaying, and swinging swiftly around in the excitement of the bout is as pretty a sight as one would wish to see. It is not given to the multitude to see this side of the society life of to-day. Our girls are not desirous of courting public attention with their foils as fencers. It requires an "open sesame" to admit any one but the elect to the room where fencing lessons

The Sweep-'Em-Out Midsummer Sale  
Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Furnishings,

THE REGULAR PRICES OF WHICH ARE FORGOTTEN.

**\$2.95** The weight of this suit is suitable for early fall wear. The showing of patterns an extensive one—fit perfect.

2c., Woven Border Handkerchiefs.

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5c., Fast-Black Half Hose.

25c., Blue and Brown Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, were 48c.

50c. for all 98c. and 75c. Madras Shirts.

**\$4.95** This assortment embraces unquestionably the greatest variety of patterns, styles, and colorings in the city.

98c., Men's All-Leather Shoes.

\$1.49, Tan Willow Calf Shoes.

98c., Men's Wool Pants.

37c. for all our 75c. and 98c. Straw Hats.

5c., Silk Mixed Windsor Ties.

19c., Wool Knee Pants.

10c., Indigo Blue Golf Caps.

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**\$6.95** Here's richness! This display truly charms the eye—are pleasing to the touch—are perfect in every way—all \$10 and \$12 Suits are in this assemblage.

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59c., Men's Fur Fedora Hats.

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48c., Embroidered Front Night-Shirts.

25c., Boys' Sweaters—all colors.

5c., White Duck Tams.

10c., Paris Web Suspenders.

10c., Pure Silk Four-in-Hand Ties.

**\$9.95** The top notch of the tailoring art is reached here. Silk-Lined Cheviots, Botany Clay Worsteds, Silk-Lined Cassimeres, in our regular sizes.

\$2.95, Young Men's Black Cheviot Suits.

\$1.49, Children's Suits, all qualities, sold up to \$3.

\$1.98, Children's Suits, all qualities, sold up to \$4.

\$2.98, Children's Suits, all qualities, sold up to \$5.

33c. for Sweaters—Red, Blue, and Green.

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are given to those who are rich enough to pay for the expensive luxury. For these reasons it is not probable that many will be privileged to see Miss Lowther when she passes us a visit. Her universally admired skill with the sword will be reserved for those who have the entire into the fencing circles of New York society, and these are few.

## WAR TAX, AND REAL ESTATE MEN.

Ruling of Internal Revenue Commissioner—Law Aimed at Brokers.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—In a decision made to-day the Commissioner of Internal Revenue holds that there is no provision in the new revenue act under which a special tax can be held to be imposed on real estate as goods, or on any person or firm for simply buying or selling real estate on commission, either for themselves or for others; also, that the law is aimed at a class of men known generally in the community as brokers, who (whether this is their sole occupation or is merely done by them in connection with their other business), negotiate purchases or sales of stocks, bonds, notes, etc., either for themselves or for others. The decision holds that a fair construction of the law does not make any man a broker, necessarily, who invests his surplus earnings in stocks, bonds, notes, etc., but does not negotiate purchases or sales thereof.

"A man is a broker under this act," it concludes, "who negotiates purchases or sales of stocks, bonds, notes, etc., in the course of business; and this applies to real estate agents, insurance agents, attorneys, or any persons or firms who, in connection with their profession or occupation, make it a regular part of their business to negotiate purchases of stocks, bonds, notes, etc., either for themselves or for others."

## TROOPS SAIL FROM TAMPA.

Artillery, Cavalry, and Infantry—General Schwan's Headquarters.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 23.—The War Department to-night received the following:

"Port Tampa, Fla., July 23.—Adjutant-General, Washington, D. C.: The transports Arcadia and Cherokee, with General Schwan's headquarters, sailed between 10 and 12:30 to-day, with two light batteries of the Seventh Artillery, one troop Second Cavalry, two companies of the Eleventh Infantry, full regiment of the Nineteenth Infantry, and two sections of the general park train. The Mohawk, which can easily overtake these boats, cannot sail before 9 o'clock to-morrow. It will carry ten companies of the Eleventh Infantry, about 600 pack animals, the brigade ambulance train, and Red Cross ambulances.

(Signed) "JOHN I. ROGERS, Brigadier-General of Volunteers, Senior Officer at Port Tampa."

## CAVALRY FROM CAMP ALGER.

Crack Volunteer Troops for Newport News and Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—An order was received at Camp Alger to-day directing that the five troops of cavalry stationed with General Graham's command proceed to Porto Rico as rapidly as possible. These troops are A and C, New York Volunteers, and A, B, and C, Pennsylvania Volunteers. The order directs that they proceed to Newport News for embarkation, and, if transportation will permit, go with Haines's Brigade. The command will take their horses and be fully equipped.

There are 530 men in all these troops. It is expected that the troops will reach Newport News about noon to-morrow.

Mr. Bernard Jansen, a well-known grocer of this city, died at his residence, 325 St. James street, yesterday morning at 10:30 o'clock, after twelve weeks of suffering. Deceased was born in Germany thirty-seven years ago, and had resided in this country about eight years. He leaves a wife and one child, and a mother and sister to mourn their loss. The funeral will take place from St. Mary's Catholic church to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, and the interment will be made in St. Mary's Cemetery.

Cats can swim if they only care to exert themselves sufficiently. The ancient Egyptians used to fish with them on the Nile, according to the representations on walls, and so forth that have come down to us.

## IS A SPLENDID CRAFT

OUR NAVAL OFFICERS WOULD LIKE  
TO FIGHT THE PELAYO.

## CAMARA WILL KEEP HER AWAY.

Solitary Heavy-Weight Craft of the  
Dons Too Valuable to Be a Target  
for the Terrible Marksmen of  
Uncle Sam.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, July 23.—The numerous and humorous dispatches received from the other side regarding the troubles and trials of a wandering Spanish fleet which couldn't get through the Suez Canal without paying toll, have made no mention of one rather remarkable point regarding the fleet. It contains Spain's only battleship. The solitary heavy-weight craft of the boastful Dons is with the fleet of Admiral Camara that set out to try and turn the tables on our Dewey. It would have been far more interesting to the world at large if this only battleship of Spain had come over here and engaged in single combat with one of our superb craft. Such a duel could doubtless have been arranged with the United States Government. Spain might even have seemed a handicap. The United States battleship could have had one hand tied behind her back, so to speak. Any concessions would have been made to Spain for the sake of a real stand-up fight with her one battleship.

The name of this pride of Spain's navy is the Pelayo. Before the war began we heard some terrible stories of her fighting abilities, and some Americans looked upon her as a particularly formidable ship. Divested of the fiction regarding her powers, the Pelayo is a fine ship, and would be a foe worthy of our superb fighters. She has just received a new and powerful armament at La Seyne where she was also fitted with new machinery. Upon a displacement of 9,500 tons she has her main armament disposed on the French system—a system, by the way, now apparently abandoned.

The four heavy guns are disposed singly in barbettes, of which one is forward, the second aft, and the others sponsoned on each broadside.

The advantage claimed for this arrangement is that of not putting too many eggs in one basket, in case a turret should be disabled.

When the ship was built she was armed with 12-inch Hontoria guns in the principal turrets, and 12-inch guns in the others. She is now armed with the new Canet 9.4-inch 22-ton gun, which will perforate about 30 inches of steel at the muzzle, and is much more powerful than the heavier predecessor.

The ship also mounts a very large quick-firing armament, and is protected by a complete compound belt, with a maximum thickness of 17.7 inches, a 3.5-inch deck, 15.7-inch bulkheads, and 11.8 inches of steel on the barbettes.

Admiral Cervera is the man who caused the Pelayo to be built. He awoke one day to a knowledge of the fact that Spain had no battleships, and he made such a fuss about it that the Pelayo was the outcome. This was twelve years ago. She was built according to the best naval ideas of the time, but, viewed in the light of more recent knowledge, she has many weaknesses. Her coal capacity is limited, a limitation second in importance only to that of ammunition. Her maximum speed being sixteen knots an hour, she would be able to steam only 2,000 miles with the coal she can carry in her bunkers. How important an oversight this smallness of the Pelayo's coal-carrying capacity is can be seen by the difficulties already encountered by the Spanish fleet in the matter of obtaining coal to replace that used on the trip from Spain.

In spite of these weaknesses the Pelayo is the finest boat that Spain owns, and were it not for the fact that she is manned by Spanish officers and sailors and her guns are in the hands of Spanish marksmen, who could hit nothing but sea or air even by accident, she might give a good account of herself in a fight with our ships. As it is, the longer Spain can keep her away and let us admire her at a distance the better for the Pelayo and for Spain. With the Pelayo at the bottom of the ocean, Spain would be without a battleship, which is a sad fate for a modern nation.

## Economy



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50c. TAKES THE PLACE OF \$1.00,

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37c. Choice of 500 pairs Children's and Misses' Tan and Black Patent-Leather Strap Ties, that were \$1 before the sale.

49c. Ladies, as well as children, will be helped to \$1.50 values in this heaping pile. For your easy buying convenience we have divided the lots.

69c. Another lot, so great; Misses' and Ladies', all styles; ranging in price from \$1.50 to \$2. Most wonderful.

\$1.38 The cream of Ladies' Oxfords, \$3 values. New and clean.

75c. Gentlemen, our idea is to close 'em out—tempt you to buy two pairs for one—and here's a \$1.25 Shoe for 75c.

95c. Ladies, Gentlemen, Boys, Girls. We have prepared four lots from which you claim the worst pair in the lot, worth \$1.50 and so on up to \$5.

\$1.19 Ladies' Shoes, Men's Shoes, kid and patent tip; lace, congress, and button, all solid values at \$2—any size.

\$1.49 Ladies—Men. This price brings you in contact with the best of everything. Values from \$3 and up. All go to make it great.

\$1.69 Ladies' Fine Vici Tans, lace and button, \$2.50 to \$3.50 grades.

\$1.75 Men's Sewed Calf Congress and Lace, plain toe and tip, \$2.50 to \$3 grades.

\$2.48 Men's Hand-Made Vici Tan Kid. All new shapes—\$4 values.

50c. from \$1. Kid Slippers, Ladies' White Kid Slippers.

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CLEARING  
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88c. Ladies' Hand-Made Pointed-Toe Oxfords, that sold for \$1.50.

85c. Misses' Hand-Made Strap Sandals, in all leathers, that sold in stock for \$1.50.

1c. Best 5c. size Imported French Blacking.

2c. The best size Blacking, the 2c. Cream Paste, to close only 2c. per bottle.

3c. Whittemore's Tan, Ox-Blood, Vici, and Brown Paste or Polish.

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## SUFFOLK.

Settling Up—An Engineer Exonerated—Personal Notes.

SUFFOLK, VA., July 23.—(Special.)—County-Treasurer Sidney T. Ellis went to Richmond last evening, carrying over \$22,000 with which to make his final settlement with State Auditor Myrre for the past fiscal year. Mr. Ellis having heretofore made a partial settlement with the Auditor.

Mr. W. E. Rawles, wife, and child are visiting relatives in Suffolk. Mr. Rawles was engineer of a train which was in collision with another section a few weeks ago in Mississippi while transporting troops from the far West to Tampa, and in which collision several lives were lost. It was reported in the newspapers at the time that Mr. Rawles was supposed to have been responsible for the accident, and nothing further was heard of him. Mr. Rawles jumped from his engine after doing everything he could to avert the terrible disaster, and was seriously injured; in fact, his life was for awhile despaired of. He was sent to a hospital in Kansas City, and at two points on the route he was examined by physicians to see if he could stand the journey. Mr. Rawles is a native of Suffolk, where he is highly esteemed, and had been running on the road on which the accident occurred—the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham—only about six months. Mr. Rawles' death, as an investigation is yet to be made, but has been authorized by the officials of the road to say to his friends that he is exonerated. Mr. Rawles will return to Birmingham, Ala., next week to resume his run.

The annual session of the Eastern Virginia Sunday-School Convention was held at Oakland, Nansemond county, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of this week. The attendance was large, the exercises interesting and profitable, and the hospitality of the proverbial old Virginia variety. One of the best addresses of the session was delivered by Mr. J. E. West, of Suffolk, chairman of the Democratic County Committee and President of the Town Council, who is both a hustling and

upright politician during a campaign and an earnest Christian worker at all times. The Portsmouth District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will be held at Providence church, about six miles from Suffolk, next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, July 26th, 27th, and 28th. Rev. N. B. Poushee, of Newsum, will preach the opening sermon; Rev. J. K. Joliff, of Smithfield, a sermon on foreign missions, and Rev. J. T. Whitley, of Hampton, a sermon on Christian education. Presiding Elder change of cars.

Suffolk, which has long been noted as the Athens of Eastern Virginia, is to have another school this fall—the Suffolk Military Institute—which will be conducted by Professor W. G. Welborn, of Kentucky, and Captain A. C. Laughlin, of North Carolina.

Mrs. L. T. Crump and daughter, Miss Lula, members of the faculty of Suffolk College, left a few days ago for Halifax, Nova Scotia, to spend the remainder of the summer. They were joined at Boston by Mrs. Crump's second daughter, Miss Georgia, who had been spending several weeks in New Jersey and Vermont.

Miss Alice Reed, of Lynchburg, is visiting the Misses Applewhite, on Chestnut street. The fair young guest is a daughter of Rev. J. C. Reed, and formerly lived in Suffolk, where she is greatly admired. Misses Edith and Mary Skiles and Lizzie and Annie Nurney, of Suffolk, are sojourning at Virginia Beach.

Miss Alys Fawcett, of Richmond, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. T. A. Barbee, of Suffolk.

Hon. E. E. Holland and children, of Suffolk, are stopping at Blue Ridge Summit, Franklin county, Penn.

Dr. A. W. Eley returned home on Thursday night from Blue Ridge Springs, where he had been attending the annual session of the Virginia Pharmaceutical Association.

Miss Ruth Venable, of Farmville, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. Lee Britt, of Suffolk.

Mrs. Jesse Parker left on Thursday night for Bedford City to visit her daughter, Mrs. S. S. Lambeth, wife of the popular Methodist pastor of that place.

Mrs. A. McA. Parker and children, of Richmond, are visiting the former's parents, Mr. Benjamin Smith and wife, of Suffolk.

Mr. Milton Riddick, a well-known young Suffolkian, went to Newport News last Thursday to take a position in the shipyard.

Professor Henning Prentiss, of St. Louis, a brother of Judge R. H. Prentiss, of Suffolk, is here on a visit to his mother and other relatives.

Miss Lillie T. Gwynn, of Baltimore, is visiting her cousin, Miss Julia Phillips, and other relatives in Suffolk.

Miss Harriet Parker, daughter of Captain George T. Parker, of the West End, gave a recherche entertainment last Thursday night at the family residence, on St. James avenue, in honor of her guest, Miss Virginia Jones, of Norfolk.

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